



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE  
TONTO NATIONAL FOREST  
TONTO BASIN RANGER DISTRICT**

***Tonto Breeding Area Seasonal Bald Eagle Closure***

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Tonto Basin Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Gila County, Arizona.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area, which is closed for the protection of threatened, endangered, rare, unique, or vanishing species of plants, animals, birds or fish. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(a).**

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

**RESTRICTED AREA**

The Restricted Area is within Township T5N, Range R11E, Section 8, approximately 200 meters northeast of Roosevelt Lake at full capacity (2151’)/450 meters southeast of FR 60 (A-Cross Road). The Restricted Area encompasses all lands within a 1,000 foot diameter of the nest tree, as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect a bald eagle nesting site in an area of recreation use, where noise is likely to affect the success of nesting and fledgling bald eagles.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on December 04, 2019, at 6:00 a.m., and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Tonto Basin Ranger District located in Roosevelt, Arizona, telephone number 602-225-5395, and at the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, telephone number 602-225-5200.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Phoenix, Arizona, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

**/s/Neil Bosworth**  
Neil Bosworth  
Forest Supervisor  
Tonto National Forest